



Newsletter 26 – 23rd March 2026

Knowledge begins with respect for God (Proverbs 1:7)

This half-term's value is 'Forgiveness' (Ephesians 4:32)

Staffing News

At the end of this week, we say goodbye to two long-standing members of our school staff, Mrs Gillibrand and Mrs Higgins, who are both leaving us to begin their retirement.

Mrs Gillibrand joined the school in 1998 as a teaching assistant. She then went on to become a Higher Level Teaching Assistant, teaching classes throughout the school. She was particularly skilled in teaching RE to a wide age-range of children, from Year 1 right up to Year 6.

Mrs Higgins joined the school in 2004, originally working as an administration assistant until she was appointed as our School Business Manager in 2013. In this role, Mrs Higgins was involved in everything to do with finance, staffing and buildings. She was also very fond of dressing up!



Between the two of them, Mrs Gillibrand and Mrs Higgins have given St Matthew's with Brunel almost 50 years of service and we are grateful for everything they have done for us during their many years with us. We hope and pray for long, happy and healthy retirements for them both!

Easter Assembly

Our Hawks' class will be leading our Easter Assembly this Thursday at 8.45am. All parents and carers are welcome to join us for this.

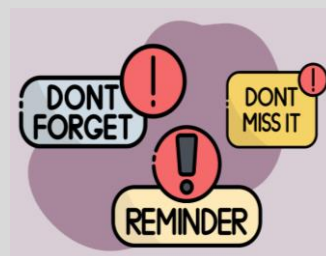
School Photos

Have you ordered your school photos yet? The closing date for free delivery back to school is Monday 13th April 2026. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link that was emailed to you, or if you have received paper order forms visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 5).

Reminders

Spring Term reports will be sent home this Thursday, 26th March.

Our end of term Golden Envelope Assembly will be taking place this Friday, 27th March at 8.45am. Parents and carers of children who will be receiving certificates in this assembly will have received a text inviting them to come along to this.



Tablet Cases

We have a number of tablet cases suitable for iPads and other similar-sized devices which we no longer need. If you would like one of these, please call in at the office tomorrow (Tuesday).

Young People's Mental Health

Attached to this newsletter is a flyer from East Lancashire Young People's Mental Health which gives details about drop in sessions taking place during the month of April.

Best wishes



Julian Rogers
Headteacher

End of Term

School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 27th March for the Easter holiday. We re-open on Monday 13th April. I hope you enjoy a lovely holiday with your children.



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East Lancashire Young People's Mental Health

**Concerned about your Mental Health?
Are you under 18 or concerned about
someone under 18?**

Advice sessions are available on-line via
'Attend Anywhere'

Delivered by CYPMH East
tinyurl.com/ELCAS-LSCFT



Enter the word "CYPMH East" as the first name and "drop in" as the second name followed by your date of birth.
You will then enter our virtual waiting area where we will collect you.

Wednesday 1st April
Wednesday 8th April
Wednesday 15th April
Wednesday 22nd April

1pm – 3pm
3pm – 5pm
5pm – 7pm
1pm – 3pm